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For: Thin film formation, use of sputtering) Attorney Docket No. 9792486-0100

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Request for Oral Hearing

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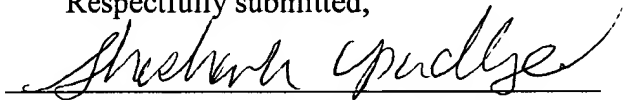
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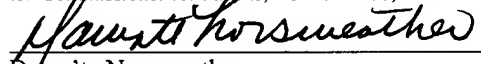
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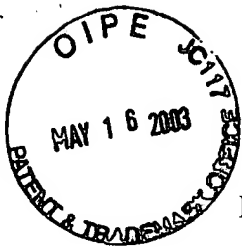
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